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## **Former NASA Contractor Employee Pleads Guilty**

On July 10, 2000, Billy Boyte, a former employee of Johnson Controls World Services, Inc., a former NASA prime contractor at the John C. Stennis Space Center (SSC), MS, pled guilty to a charge of Conspiracy To Receive Kickbacks, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371. The guilty plea was entered before United States District Court Judge David C. Bramlette, United States District Court, Southern District of Mississippi, Biloxi, MS. Sentencing is scheduled for November 6, 2000.

The conviction stems from an indictment filed on June 6, 2000. Boyte was charged with conspiring to receive kickbacks in return for placing sales orders for industrial supplies from another subcontractor, to purportedly use in support of the SSC facilities maintenance contract.

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents of the NASA Office of Inspector General, Office of Criminal Investigations, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with assistance from the NASA SSC Security Office. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Jay Golden, Southern District of Mississippi, Biloxi, MS, (228) 432-5521.

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